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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 1-52 and add the following claims:

- 1 53. A method for positioning an adjustable image relative to a cutout region within a  
2 foreground image, comprising:  
3 identifying a zone of interest in said adjustable image; and  
4 determining effective translation and scaling parameters so that upon translating and  
5 scaling said adjustable image accordingly a significant portion of said zone of interest appears  
6 within said cutout region without changing the aspect ratio of the adjustable image.
- 1 54. A method according to claim 53 and wherein said significant portion of said zone of  
2 interest is as much relative area of said zone of interest as possible, but constrained so that  
3 said cutout region remain entirely within the extent of said adjustable image.
- 1 55. A method according to claim 53 and wherein said identifying is carried out manually.
- 1 56. A method according to claim 53 and wherein said identifying is carried out automatically.
- 1 57. A method according to claim 53 wherein said identifying is based on information as  
2 to how said adjustable image was positioned within a previous cutout region.
- 1 58. A system for positioning an adjustable image relative to a cutout region within a  
2 foreground image, comprising:  
3 a zone of interest in said adjustable image; and  
4 an image transform generator, determining effective translation and scaling  
5 parameters so that upon translating and scaling said adjustable image accordingly a significant  
6 portion of said zone of interest appears within said cutout region without changing the aspect  
7 ratio of the adjustable image.

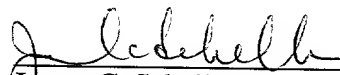
1 59. A system according to claim 58 and wherein said significant portion of said zone of  
2 interest is as much relative area of said zone of interest as possible, but constrained so that  
3 said cutout region remain entirely within the extent of said adjustable image.  
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1 60. A system according to claim 58 wherein said editable image was positioned relative to  
2 a previous cutout region, and wherein said zone of interest is determined from the portion of  
3 said editable image that was contained within said previous cutout region

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